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IMPORTANT

Footnotes Steps Out

Long-time subscribers to Footnotes will remember names like Gleddie, Wells, and Taylor. They were the first editors of the parent publication of Footnotes - Sheep Notes and News. Vern Gleddie started publishing Sheep Notes and News in 1955. Eventually, it was combined with Sheep Footnotes in the mid-1980's. We started Footnotes in 1978. Sheep Notes and News was being printed every two months, but there was a need to get market information to producers on a more current basis. Footnotes was intended to fulfill that need. And it did.

Since then, much has changed. Market information is as close as the telephone, industry publications are published regularly and Alberta Agriculture has a new name, a new role and a new way of doing business. Research and technology transfer are our two main functions. Developing partnerships with industry, privatizing programs better run by industry, specializing services and charging fees for service are some of the new ways we are doing business.

The beginning of one thing frequently results in the ending of another. In order for us to become more involved in our new role of conducting applied research and technology transfer, we must end some of the things we are doing now. Publishing footnotes is one of them. The June 1995 edition will be our last. I believe Footnotes served the industry well in the past, but there are other publications like Sheep Canada and The Shepherd's Journal, published in Alberta, that can do a better job of running display ads, classified ads and coming events. We will be contributing articles and market summaries to industry magazines regularly.

On behalf of Wray, Kim, Cathy, Susan, and Janet, please accept our thunderous applause for your support and many kind comments over the years. And to all present and past editors of Footnotes and Sheep Notes and News - Thankyou.

H.D. (Don) Scheer, Manager
Sheep Group
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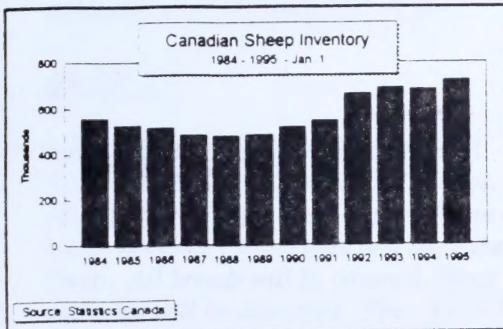
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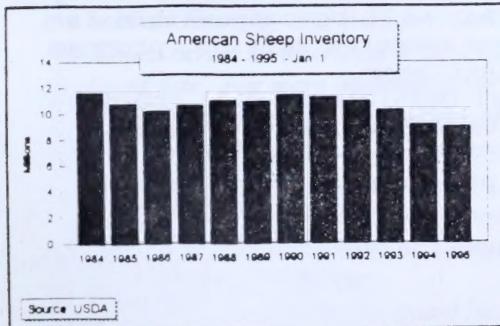
Lambs

Commentary

The latest estimate from Statistics Canada indicates that the Canadian sheep flock has grown six per cent from last year. On January 1, 1995 there were an estimated 720,500 head on farms, compared to 679,600 head last year (figure 1). The majority of sheep and lambs are on Alberta farms (245,000 hd) and Ontario farms (201,000 hd). Ontario's inventory grew almost 10 per cent above 1994's level while Alberta's growth was estimated at seven per cent.



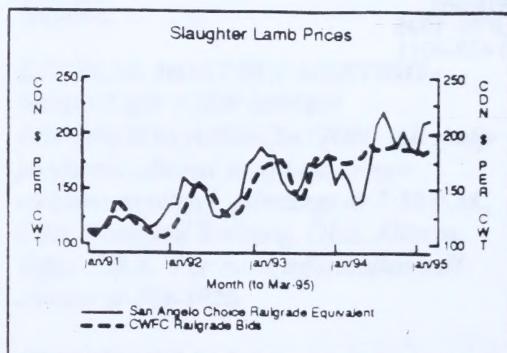
For the second straight year, U.S. production is expected to drop by seven per cent. Smaller and fewer breeding flocks were reported in the majority of producing states. Sizeable declines were reported in the western States where the majority of sheep are located, putting the remaining flocks in the hands of larger operators. About five per cent of these operations control 60 per cent of the western flocks.



1995's production in the U.S. is estimated at 285 million pounds which is a seven per cent decrease from 1994 and represents just over one pound per capita. The decrease in supply, however, is not expected to be offset by much of an increase in price, due to the availability of competitively priced substitute meats.

Outlook

The reduction of the U.S. herd is beginning to make a noticeable impact. In February, the U.S. average slaughter price recovered about \$3.00 per cwt from the December-January slump. Annual average prices are expected to rise \$1.00 to \$2.00 per cwt. Yet, if last year's prices are any indication, the nominal price increase occurred during the summer months rather than the Easter break as would be expected. Australian lamb imports are another encroaching force which will impact the marketplace as Australian lamb continues to make further inroads.



Note: Mar 95 prices are estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

Slaughter lamb prices at Canada West Foods, Innisfail, have regained the \$2.00 to \$4.00 per cwt losses incurred during February, to stabilize near the \$185.00 per cwt level in early March. Remember, however, that this price is an average price and generally excludes contract prices, as Canada West Foods is still targeting fresh lamb markets and requires lambs in different grade bands for these sales. Alberta slaughter lamb prices may move into the mid to upper \$90 per cwt range later this spring with likely a premium paid for new crop lambs ready for the Easter season. Toward the end of April prices will likely stabilize near present levels.

Canadian imports of Australian and New Zealand lamb and mutton have risen significantly. For the month of January, Australian imports were up 41 per cent while imports from New Zealand increased 98 per cent from the previous year's level.

Market Strategies

The Innisfail packing plant is continuing to offer contracts to fill particular fresh lamb markets. Therefore it is important that producers know the product that they have to sell and the contract requirements. Producers should contact the appropriate order buyer, feedlot or packer to insure market access. Premium prices could be realized by finishing lambs which are in demand, since market alternatives may be limited and sometimes discounting is significant.

Don Hansen
March 29, 1995
(403) 427-4011

The Sheep ROP Program

The federal government and the Canadian Sheep Federation have reached an agreement in principle for privatizing sheep ROP. This agreement came into place on April 1, 1995. The Canadian Sheep Federation will form an organization that will be responsible for genetic improvement in sheep. A new, home computer version, program is being developed for release early next year.

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development will continue to provide data entry services to Alberta sheep producers until the end of August, 1995. After this date, a new system should be in place to provide the service to sheep producers.

Wray Whitmore

COMING EVENTS

1995

APRIL 21, 22 & 23

STOCK DOG CLINIC. Instructor Ron Gale, Sundre. Call Ron or Ohwyn at 403-638-2836 for further information.

APRIL 22

4-H SHEEP PREPARATION SHOW. Olds College Sheep Production Courses. This course will give the 4-H participant the basics necessary to prepare and show their sheep. All breeds will be covered. Wool and meat will be discussed. Fee - \$35.00. 9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. For further information contact Olds College at 403-556-8245.

APRIL 27

NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP & GOAT SALES. Edmonton Stockyards. All sales are held on Thursday and start at 1:30 P.M. Stock must arrive no later than 9:00 A.M. on day of sale. For more information or to book animals into the sale contact one of the following: Jack Francis (sheep), Edmonton, 403-436-5992 or Doug Laurie (sheep), Stony Plain, 403-963-6711; Dennis Patrick (goats), Tofield, 403-672-9308 or Dennis Pasichney (sheep), Redwater, 403-942-4537. Edmonton Stockyard Inc., 403-473-5776. Please book ahead if possible.

APRIL 29

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE at Camrose Auction Market, 403-672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact Camrose Auction at 403-672-4496.

MAY 1

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MOUNTAIN VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION. All sheep producers whether long time or new welcome to attend. Meetings at 7:30 P.M., Olds Provincial Building, Olds, Alberta. Topic T.B.A. For more information call Joanne at 224-3026.

MAY 12, 13 & 14

STOCK DOG CLINIC. Instructor Ron Gale. Edmonton area. Call Ron or Ohwyn at 403-638-2836 for further information.

MAY 18

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MAY 20

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE AT DAYSLAND AUCTION MARKET for sheep and goats only. Consignments accepted, between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on sale day. Sale begins at 1:00 P.M. sharp. For information and booking call Suljo Spahic at 403-878-3784.

MAY 27

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE at Camrose Auction Market, 403-672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact Camrose Auction at 403-672-4496.

JUNE 3, 4 & 5

STOCK DOG CLINIC. Instructor Ron Gale. Details to be announced later. Call Ron or Olwyn at 403-638-2836 for further information.

JUNE 17

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE AT DAYSLAND AUCTION MARKET for sheep and goats only. Consignments accepted, between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on sale day. Sale begins at 1:00 P.M. sharp. For information and booking call Suljo Spahic at 403-878-3784.

JULY 8

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION WILD ROSE SALE. Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta. 1:00 P.M. Full completed entry forms must be postmarked by Monday, May 1, 1995. For further information and catalogues - Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 2157, Claresholm, Alberta, T0L 0T0, Phone/Fax - 403-549-2465.

JULY 19

WESTERNER DAYS SHEEP SHOW, Red Deer. Prize lists may be obtained by calling 403-343-7800 or Fax 403-341-4699. The sheep show will be the first livestock show in the new Agricentre on the Westerner grounds. Entries for this show close Monday, June 19. An added feature this year is the fleece competition and the photography class for both adults and juniors, the subject of the picture being 'Kids and Sheep' in keeping with the theme for this year's Westerner Days "Salute to Youth in Agriculture".

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NOVEMBER 24-26

1995 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM to be held at the Capri in Red Deer. More information to follow in future issues.

THE PERFECT LAMBING - NEXT YEAR?

The December-February winter lambing season is complete. We're all waiting for the cold weather to break, and for the first signs that spring might really be here. The flocks who spring-lamb are into the final month of pregnancy.

I have just spent a month travelling to producers farms, going over production and financial records from 1994, and looking at some of the problems 1995 has brought.

I can't say that it comes as any great surprise, but unfortunately, one of the major factors affecting the gross returns of all the producers I have talked to is still lamb mortality. Too many lambs die before/ during/after birth - perinatal death loss is too high.

In 1987 Dr. J.S. Rook published an article in the Shepherd magazine, "Lamb Mortality - A Reflection of Flock Health". It was his belief that prevention is a more viable option with greater long-term economic benefits. "Fixing" problems at lambing is not only expensive, but it is frustrating because it is so very ineffective. The damage has been done.

Where do the problems lie? In Rook's work; in the excellent book "Practical Lambing - A Guide to Veterinary Care At Lambing" by A. Eales & J. Small; and in an excellent video "Lamb Survival" by J. Henderson lamb death losses all fit into very few categories:

Cause of death:

- Foetal stillbirth (death before lambing/abortion) 10% to 20%
(Factors to consider: ewe nutrition/winter weather, litter size, ewe age, congenital defects, infectious agents)
- Parturient stillbirth (death during lambing) 10% to 20%
(Factors to consider: ewe nutrition/winter weather, status, ewe age, infectious agents/ premature birth, dystocia)
- Starvation/Hypothermia 25% to 30%
(Factors to consider: ewe nutrition/winter weather, mothering, ewe age, litter size, dystocia, birth weight)
- Infectious disease (pneumonia, scours, etc.) 15% to 20%
(Factors to consider: ewe nutrition/colostrum quantity/quality, age of ewe, vaccination/health care program, facilities/ crowding, weather fluctuations)
- Other (congenital defects, crushing, unknowns) 5% to 10%
(Lamb mortality is affected by a multitude of factors. Those factors are directly affected by your year-around management decisions.)

Rook found that farms who experience major death losses due to hypothermia/starvation (small/weak/chilled lambs) had several common features:

1. Poor gestational (pregnancy) nutrition resulting in small, weak, newborn lambs from ewes with inadequate milk production. Multiple births often compounded the problem, as does running ewes of varied age together. Feeding during breeding had usually been adequate, the breakdown occurred during the winter feeding period. Do you see problems with toxemia, hypocalcaemia, "downer" ewes, especially in older ewes carrying more than one lamb?
2. Too many ewes lambing at once for the quality and quantity of labour available?
3. Poor protection from the environment - too many ewes/lambs for the facilities if inclement weather strikes (when it strikes?)?
4. Too many lambing pens, or none at all (ie. multiples, ewe lambs, ewes/lambs with problems).
5. Full-fleeced ewes / small claiming pens.
6. No identification linking ewes to lambs.
7. Poor lactational (milking) nutrition compounded by weather stress.

8. Multiple nutritional deficiencies; especially protein, energy, vitamin E and selenium, again, compounded by inmultiple births and weather stresses.

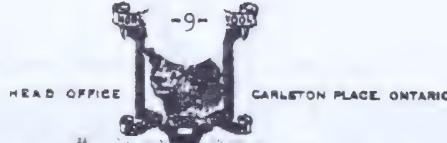
9. Overcrowding, poor ventilation which increase stress and can result in pneumonia in baby lambs.

10. Pregnant ewes mixed with ewes with new lambs - disease spread, mismothering/ lost lambs, difficult to meet nutritional needs of each group, difficult to observe both groups well.

11. Prolonged lambing season, or failure to break cycles between lambing groups for better management, easier groups to feed, break cycle of health problems (ie. scours outbreaks).

All of us are actively involved in improving the cash returns from our flocks. Most of us are also seeking ways to reduce our costs in terms of money, time and labour. Only by taking a careful look at our records can we decide whether not using claiming pens, or not using 8-way vaccine, is really making us more money.

Susan Hosford
Sheep Development Advisor



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 77th Annual General Meeting and Banquet of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited will be held on May 6th, 1995 in Kamloops, B.C. at the Best Western Town Lodge, 1250 Rogers Way.

The Annual General Meeting will be held for the purpose of:

- 1) Considering and if thought fit approving and confirming the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1995.
- 2) Presentation of Management Reports.
- 3) Appointing Auditors.
- 4) Any other business which would normally come before this meeting.

A noon luncheon will be provided and evening banquet tickets (\$25.00 per couple) may be obtained by contacting:

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CCWG WOOL PURCHASE POLICY

The following methods of wool purchase are available from CCWG. Please contact Tony Haley at our Lethbridge Branch 1-800-567-3693 for further information on the wool market and the closest wool collection depot in your area.

ADVANCE & FINAL PAYMENT - Producers are paid an advance payment upon delivery of their wool with a final payment to follow after grading, based on the grading results and wool market conditions. The advance payment is predetermined for Domestic and Range wool types and fluctuates based on wool market conditions and our forward sales. Producers are paid on the basis of 3 classifications for yield on main grades and receive an additional allowance for well prepared clips.

OUTRIGHT PURCHASE - This option is an outright cash purchase available to producers of well prepared and uniform wool clips where the quality, preparation, wool type, yield, and staple length has been determined and inspected by CCWG staff. Based on the above criteria and prevailing wool market conditions an Outright Purchase is calculated for the producer with no final payment after grading. Previous years wool grading results are also taken into consideration. Producers are paid a sack rebate for both marketing options.

All wool collected and graded by CCWG into similar types is then objectively measured for yield, micron, vegetable matter percentage etc. The core test certificate is then used as a marketing tool to effectively describe the wools available for sale to prospective wool buyers.

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
WILD ROSE SALE
Saturday, July 8, 1995
Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta

GENERAL SALE REGULATIONS

1. All consignors must be current members of the ASBA (\$28.75 incl. GST).
2. Full completed entry forms must be postmarked by Monday May 1, 1995
3. The entry fee of \$10.70 per head must accompany the entry form. Fees for late entries (postmarked after May 1/95) will be \$16.05 per head.
4. A contributor will be permitted to enter up to a maximum of 3 rams, with a required entry of 3 ewes of the same breed per ram per contributor. There will be no limit on the number of ewes per breed. Yearling rams are recommended because of the large number of ram lambs on offer at the Teet Station Sale.
5. The Feature Breed this year will be Columbia. There will be no ewe to ram ratio for the feature breed.
6. Three generation pedigree information must be provided on all entry forms. Entry forms without this information will not be accepted. Entries marked "Information Sale Day" will not be accepted.
7. It is recommended that contributors obtain an Agriculture Canada Flock Health Certificate which is required to facilitate export. Animals with these certificates will be announced as eligible for export.
8. Each entry must be registered with Canadian Livestock Records Corp., legibly tattooed, with a properly completed application for transfer supplied to the sifting committee on Friday, July 7. Applications for Registration will not be accepted.
9. If ewes are exposed, approximate lambing date and name of stud must be stated, and a certificate of service submitted.
10. All sheep entered, with the exception of wool breeds, shall carry not more than 1" of wool. This regulation will be strictly adhered to. All washing and trimming must be done prior to arrival. Wool breeds must have been shorn in the calendar year.
11. Substitutions are allowed at \$5.35/animal, maximum of 2 per breed. Substitutions on spring lambs at no cost. All substitutions must be made prior to inspection. Registration papers on all substitutions are required.
12. The sale commission established will be deducted from each consignor's sale proceeds, calculated on the final sale price. A contributor may place one reserve bid on any entry to the auctioneer. In each situation where a reserve bid is not realized, seller shall be obliged to pay the full regular sale commission on the reserve bid. In the event of the sale reserve not being realized, entry fees will be applied to the commission.
13. Settlement must be made to the clerk of the sale on sale day, with a copy of the release provided to the Barn Boss before physical removal of the animals will be permitted.
14. Mail entries to: Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 2157 Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0
15. All Sale Committee decisions are final.

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
WILD ROSE SALE
Saturday, July 8, 1995
Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta

1. Arrival: Friday July 7, 1995 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.
2. Washing & Trimming: are to be completed prior to arrival.
3. Sifting and Paint Branding: Friday July 7, 1995 - immediately upon arrival.
4. Handlers: must provide registry certificates and transfers to the sale committee representatives, and be ready to assist with tattoo check, physical inspection and paint branding of lot numbers on their own animals.
5. Consignors: are encouraged to hang breeder signs and decorate their pens as they see fit, keeping in mind that an attractive display must be maintained at all times.
6. Sheep Will Be Displayed: Saturday, July 8, after 9:00 a.m.
7. Sale Time: Saturday, July 8, 1995 - 1:00 p.m. - commencing with the ROP Test Station rams, followed immediately by the sale of purebred ewes and rams. No animals will be released until both sales have finished.
8. Sale Order: will be announced.
9. Sale Categories:
 - 1) Ewe - 2 tooth - Yearling
 - 2) Senior Ewe Lamb - milk teeth - born before Dec. 31/94
 - 3) Junior Ewe Lamb - milk teeth - born after Jan. 1/95
 - 4) Ram - 2 tooth - Yearling
 - 5) Senior Ram Lamb - milk teeth - born before Dec. 31/94
 - 6) Junior Ram Lamb - milk teeth - born after Jan. 1/95
 - 7) Herding Dog
 - 8) Livestock Guard Dog
 - 9) Predator Control Donkey
 - 10) Predator Control Llama
 - 11) Used Sheep Equipment - for entry information and forms contact Warren Moore at (403)549-2464.
10. For Further Information and Catalogues:
Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association
Box 2157
Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0 Phone/FAX: 403-549-2465
11. Sale Committee:

Robert Jackson	335-4348	(Chairman)
Gordon Fulton	224-3753	Mike Rieberger
Greg Rosenke	335-4136	Drew Mundie
		224-3743
		227-2084

WILD ROSE SALE 1996 ENTRY FORM

Entries Close Friday May 1, 1995.

Entry Fees: \$10.70 per animal. Fees for entries postmarked after May 1, 1995 - \$16.05 per animal.

=====GENERAL INFORMATION=====

Name: _____

Farm/Flock Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ FAX: _____

Signature: _____

===== PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OR A PHOTOCOPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM =====

Breed: _____ Name: _____

Reg. No.: _____ Tattoo: _____ Single, Twin, Etc. _____

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Category: _____ Sex: _____
M D Yr (see rule sheet)

SIRE:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Tattoo: _____ Single, twin etc: _____

Tattoo: _____ Single, twin etc: _____

Name: _____

Tattoo: _____ Single, twin etc: _____

DAM:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Tattoo: _____ Single, twin etc: _____

Tattoo: _____ Single, twin etc: _____

Name: _____

Tattoo: _____ Single, twin etc: _____

Please write any additional information you would like in the catalogue - ADG, Index, 50/100 day adjusted weight, general comments (up to 16 words) on a separate sheet attached to the entry form.

Submit Entries to: Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association
Box 2157, Clareholm, AB. T0L 0T0
Fax/Ans. Machine: 549-2465

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE - SHEEP

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RAMBOUILLET X SUFFOLK X
COLUMBIAN. CALL MIKE AT
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TWIN & TRIPLET. BORN MID-DEC
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MTN HSE, 403-845-2707 (4)

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KATAHDIN RAMS, 10 PUREBRED
ROMANOV EWES & EWE LAMBS,
EXPOSED KATAHDIN. 10
COMMERCIAL EWES BRED KATAHDIN.
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946-4432 (4)

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SOME EWES. EVELYN, BIG VALLEY,
403-876-2756 (4)

68 ROMANOV/SUFFOLK CROSS 2
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LEWIS, DIDSBURY, 403-
335-4581 (4)

REGISTERED SUFFOLK RAM, 3 YR
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BLACKIE, 403-684-3844 (4)

7/8 ROMANOV EWE LAMBS. BORN
JAN 95. ELSIE MACKAY,
MANNVILLE, 403-763-3749 (4)

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ROMANOV, 1/4 DORSET AND 1/2
SUFFOLK. READY TO GO \$110
EACH. 1 YEARLING PUREBRED
ROMANOV RAM \$150. ROLAND OR
ANGELIKA, FALLIS, 403-
797-5339 (5)

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RAMS \$250 & UP. BORDER
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PRODUCTIVE LINES. \$150 O.B.O.
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40 SUFFOLK CROSSBRED EWES.
LAMBS WEANED BY APRIL 25.
NO CULLS. RECORDS AVAILABLE. 4
SUFFOLK RAMS - 3 - 2 YR OLDS &
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FOOTNOTES PUBLICATION TO END

After almost 25 years of continuous publication, Footnotes will soon pass into history. A victim of government cutbacks Alberta Agriculture will cease publishing Footnotes this summer. Many will miss this publication as it was the main communication tool for government extension services and industry news and views in Alberta. The Commission and others who used this publication for communication will now have to seek alternatives. Footnotes had a circulation of about 1,800.

AG. CANADA KILLS SHEEP RESEARCH ACROSS CANADA

The sheep industry was at the receiving end of the Federal chopping block in the recent budget. In one swoop of the axe all sheep research in Canada was eliminated. There was no prior consultation with the industry to review alternatives or a reduced program. Specific sheep related research was carried out at only two facilities in Canada, Lethbridge Alberta and La Pocatiere Quebec.

A tentative joint research program at Lethbridge between Alberta Ag., Ag. Canada and the Commission had been discussed over the past 6 months. It was designed to bring about more market and producer oriented research. That potential arrangement is now in jeopardy with the Federal cutback announcement. The Commission and the CSF are both taking steps to see if a compromise is possible with Ag. Canada.

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MARKETS! MARKETS! MARKETS!

BY WILL VERBOVEN

PRICES ARE HOLDING... ...BUT RESISTANCE IS DEVELOPING

Lamb prices remain well ahead of this time last year but at the time of writing (mid-March) prices were levelling out in the USA. Its hard to determine whether this is because of wholesaler and retailer resistance to ever increasing prices or a break before the seasonal peak during April-June. Lambs continue to leave the province as Canada West continues to struggle against super cheap imports from down under. Import activity is worse than ever with brokers/promoters not only buying their way into the market, (*their usual practice*) but heaping abuse on Alberta Lamb in our own backyard (*see related article elsewhere*).

I have always wondered what the goal of importers is - in market domination, is 60% of our market not enough! Will they not rest until Canadian lamb producers are wiped out completely - its a shameful business.

Comments have been made that I am too concerned about declining volumes at Canada West, after all Alberta Lambs are being bought by someone at good prices. There is no disputing producers rights to seek the highest price from whomever, but as any longtime producer will tell you good prices and eager buyers can and have disappeared overnight. A large healthy Alberta based processing plant will help soften the fall when and it will, comes.

SO WHAT'S THE BEST GUESS.....

American lamb prices have levelled off, uncertainty continues over the market condition of countless thousands of California lambs - the rains there have been endless. If no panic develops prices could well remain steady for sometime, possibly increasing slightly. That's Okay, as we are anywhere from 10 to 15 dollars ahead of this same time last year.

Top quality 110 pound lambs are still fetching a 100 bucks - producers can live with that for quite some time thank you.

Feedlot operators seem both cautious and hell bent to spend bankers money, it seems to depend on the time of day or the weather as feeder markets have varied considerably over the last few months.

My last prediction was 100 dollar lambs until July - well so far so good, I'm not changing that guess.

WOOL MARKET STAYS STRONG but some holding out for more!

Rumours from the US have buyers scrambling for wool with offers of up to \$1.50 plus for top reputation clips. An American buyer was spotted recently in Southern Alberta with offers of \$1.20 cash for particular kinds and quantities of wool. The Wool Growers is offering \$1.00 initial for range. It all makes for an interesting market.

The Nanton Wool Pool has sprung back to life and is rumoured to be assembling a 50,000 pound offering. This pool traditionally sets the market high so its outcome is awaited with anticipation. The results will already be known when this report is published.

Unless you know exactly what grade of wool you have and have a couple of buyers on the hook, producers would do well to take \$1.20 - 1.40 for range and a \$1.00 for the better domestic. If you plan to consign wool for a better price later, you either enjoy gambling or don't need the money. Best of Luck - remember wool shrinks and deteriorates the longer you keep it!

INDUSTRY NEWS INDUSTRY NEWS INDUSTRY

CLASSIFICATION RECEIVES A SETBACK

Unless there is a last minute reprieve, at the time of writing National Lamb Classification as it is presently carried out will cease at Canada West Foods as of April 1st. This situation is the result of Ag. Canada cost recovery steps which will see a grading fee charge of 66 cents with a further increase to 1.09/HD next year. Canada West is unwilling to absorb any part of that increased charge and has suggested that it be paid by the producer if it is to continue. CWF has also stated that it will not be using the classification pricing grid to establish a producer price as of the same date. They have stated that the present market demands a much lighter and leaner carcass and that classification does not select those carcasses in a manner acceptable to CWF. They will be buying lambs on a live basis or a rail weight basis. Any subsequent grading will be done internally by CWF as per market demands.

The Commission has condemned this decision by CWF as a step backwards in pursuing the Industry's goal to market high quality large lean lamb. Meetings between CWF and the Commission have been held and are further scheduled, to find alternatives to this decision.

IS VIDEO IMAGING THE ANSWER?

A preliminary research project partially funded by the Commission has recently been completed at Canada West Foods. Early indications are that this new high tech carcass grading system, called video imaging could be used to reduce grading costs. It involves a camera taking a picture of a carcass then relating it to previously established standards through computer software. Beef and hog plants are also investigating this technology as it replaces costly manual grading. It also has the advantage of being entirely objective eliminating subjective measurements.

The project at CWF was done to determine if this technology would work on lamb carcasses at the plant. Further longterm research will be needed to completely evaluate its ability over an entire marketing year.

USDA LOWERS THE BOOM

New import restrictions were placed on sheep being exported to the USA from Canada. Effective immediately the US Department of Agriculture announced that special import permits will be required for imports of breeding sheep. Sheep destined directly for slaughter are not affected as trucks are sealed at the border. Feeder lamb exports will also be affected as only wethers will be allowed to enter without a special permit.

CONTRACTORS TAKE SOME DEFINITE STEPS

It took two back to back meetings in Kamloops and Edmonton to kick start the group but at least or at last it happened. The Kamloops meeting had a good cross section of BC and Alberta contractors both large and small who hammered out a general consensus on a number of issues of common concern. A smaller group met in Edmonton to do some strategic planning with a facilitator supplied by Alberta Agriculture. Some realistic goals and priorities were set for immediate action. The group to be called the Western Agri-Silviculture Contractors Association will be an interprovincial organization with a national charter. The group plans to promote contract sheep grazing to all levels of government and the Forest Industry. It also plans to set up contracting standards and a code of practice.

SHEEP INDUSTRY TASK FORCE NEWS

" TO BE A SUSTAINABLE AND COMMERCIALLY VIABLE INDUSTRY SERVING THE GROWING NEEDS OF ITS PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS "

COMMITTEES MEET TO REVIEW.....AND TO REFOCUS

During March the Promotion Committee met to review last years efforts and to brainstorm some directions for 1995. Committee Chairperson Lois George set up some working sub-committees to evaluate specific areas related to lamb quality, market demand and specific promotional needs. Market and promotion reports were also presented by Canada West Foods and Northview Packers.

The meeting also deliberated on the value of promoting lamb as Alberta or Canadian. The consensus was that there was a definite advantage of promoting "Alberta Lamb" within the province. Outside of Alberta, the Canadian Lamb Label may be preferable. Its somewhat of an old issue as the promotion committee over the past tens years has gone full circle at least twice on the Alberta/Canadian label. Perhaps the resolution is two ongoing labels promoting both!

The committee includes participation from small and large processors, Ag. Canada, Alta. Ag., the Commission, Alta. Sheep Breeders, Lamb Feeders, producer groups, direct marketers and others.

The Production and Economics committee also met during march and were led through a planning process by new committee chairperson Shirley Cuthill. The process refocussed and prioritized the actions and strategies of the Task Force objectives assigned to this committee. Timelines and people were also allocated to the actions.

The Cost of Production survey being carried out by Alta. Ag. remains the single largest effort of the committee.

The results of this study will have an impact on a number of the objectives. Health issues are also becoming of increasing concern and a certification type program is being considered. The Chairperson struck a number of sub-committees to begin deliberating on a number of actions.

The committee is composed of participants from various branches of Alta. Ag., Alta. Sheep Breeders, Lamb Feeders, CWF, the Commission and other interested parties.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME

The Task Force strategic plan has provision for a steering committee to oversee the objectives of the plan. This committee met recently for the first time and its first step was to establish some terms of reference.

The committee also received reports from the three chairpeople of the working committees. It also discussed a number of current industry issues such as Classification, Sheep Research and the Status of Footnotes.

The committee is composed of representatives from Alta. Ag., Ag. Canada, Lamb Feeders, Alta. Sheep Breeders, Chairpeople of the three Task Force Working Committees, Lamb Processors. It is chaired by Commission Chairman Sten Lundberg.

SPECIAL FEATURE REPORT

LAMB PROMOTION AND MERCHANDISING - THE COMPETITION DOES WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SELL THEIR LAMB!

THE BIGGER PICTURE

In the retail lamb marketplace competition can be ruthless especially between Canadian, New Zealand and Australian lamb marketers. The real competition isn't even at the retail level, it's at the wholesale chain store meat buyer stage. These are the people that decide who's lamb will be in the meat case. They are always willing to buy Canadian but if incentives are provided by competitors, chain store meat buyers are more than willing to switch to imported lamb. Those incentives come in different forms such as quantity discounts, ad features, contract promotions etc.. This practice is not unique to lamb but common in the grocery business. Many involve substantial advance payments that are beyond the ability of Canadian marketers to match. Our competitors however have deep pockets and show no qualms about buying their way into a market that was serviced by Canadian Lamb. At the retail level our competition isn't beyond trying some innovative if misleading tricks that gives them an edge over the Canadian product. Here are two recent examples.

AUSSIE LAMB PROMOTION SINKS TO NEW LOWS

Perhaps it was just overkill by a hired gun but then again perhaps its all part of new and clever campaign to discredit Canadian Lamb. Last month newspapers in both Calgary and Edmonton published an article which contained a number of astounding statements by a paid promoter of Australian Lamb. These comments went beyond any sense of fairness, they were in fact derogatory and false. Some of the quotes in reference to Alberta Lamb were as follows:

"After 20 years in this province I can rationalize resistance to lamb"

"Lambs like goats, eat anything in their path"

"Their poor diet consists of starch and grains that cause the animals to put on a heavy layer of fat"

"Lamb was mutton"

"For my money I prefer Australian Lamb, they enjoy a stress-free life on sun-soaked plains eating fresh grass and soft clovers" The end result is leaner clean-tasting meat.

Not only were these comments published but the same person carried out in-store taste demos for Australian Lamb at Calgary Coop. Where he continued his criticism of domestic lamb. Producers and the Commission took steps to alert Calgary Coop and the Australian Meat Corp of the behaviour of this individual in spreading this mis-information.

There is always some give and take in market competition but this effort crossed the line. This type of promotion not only discredits the domestic product but causes consumers to lose confidence in lamb in general. That's because consumers are not usually clear on the country of origin issue therefore any negative comments reflect badly on all lamb no matter where it comes from.

SPECIAL FEATURE CONTINUED.....

Those involved in Canadian lamb promotion suspect that this may not be an isolated incident especially the grass fed lean lamb angle over grain fed fat lamb. Its a well known fact that consumers prefer the milder more tender lamb which is the result of grain feeding. Lamb from Australia and New Zealand is exclusively grass fed much of it on subterranean clovers which at times imparts a strong and gamey flavour to their lamb. Perhaps in order to overcome that factor Australian Lamb promoters are trying to dupe consumers into believing grassfed is better by discrediting grain fed lamb as being fat. A clever strategy considering consumers fear of the "fat" word.

What can lamb producers do to stop this type of negative promotion by our competitors - actually there are a number of things, all of which will help!

- Write letters to the big chain stores pointing out this type of derogatory promotion. Make mention of the fact that Alberta sheep producers contribute to the local economy and pay taxes while imports do neither.
- Write letters to the following people protesting the negative Australian Lamb promotion and questioning their commitment to increasing per capita consumption. Australian sheep producer organizations are always promoting the idea of expanding the lamb together for everyone's benefit - in practice it appears they want to expand their share by stealing our market!

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WHAT THE CONSUMER DOESN'T KNOW WILL HELP IMPORTS

Just because a package of lamb says its fresh doesn't mean its a local Alberta product. In fact the chances are its probably imported product from Australia or New Zealand. Its all part of a clever marketing ploy used by our competitors to fool consumers. It started about 10 years ago when it became feasible to fly fresh lamb from down under to Canada. At that time considerable energy and money was spent promoting this product, the main thrust was "**Jet Fresh Lamb from New Zealand**". Consumers had a hard time believing that lamb transported 10,000 miles was as good as lamb processed locally. This type of promotion still does occur occasionally, with controversial results - see the accompanying article.

In order to overcome that consumer attitude, importers and retailers switched to calling their product just "**Fresh Lamb**". Innocent consumers quite naturally assumed that fresh must mean that it was locally produced. The twist now is that Canadian/Alberta lamb must be positively identified as such in the meat case to differentiate it from imported so called "**Fresh Lamb**". Its all sort of legal as country of origin labelling in Canada is vague as to what needs to be identified. I wonder if New Zealand or Australia would allow Canadian Lamb to be sold in their countries as just "**Fresh Lamb**", not likely! The Commission and Alberta Agriculture have raised this misleading marketing approach with a Federal Government committee reviewing labelling issues.

INDUSTRY NEWS INDUSTRY NEWS INDUSTRY

FOUNDATION RELEASES HUMANE TRANSPORTATION STUDY

After a year of in depth review the Alberta Foundation for Animal Care (AFAC) released a study of the Humane Transportation of Livestock. By far the most extensive study of any done in Canada it reviews, analyses and provides recommendations for the transportation of poultry, sheep, hogs, horses, cattle and some exotic species. The sheep industry was well consulted in all aspects of the study. The study was prompted by Government concerns that pressure from the public would force them to implement more stringent regulations. Animal rights extremists have been successful in Europe in forcing governments to place onerous restrictions on animal movement. To forestall such measures AFAC members resolved to make sure decisions are based on realistic factors. The study is the first step in the process. It will form part of a larger national review that is now taking place. Alberta is the largest producer of livestock in Canada therefore transportation is more extensive here than anywhere else in the country. The Commission is a founding member AFAC. An executive summary of the study is available from the Commission office.

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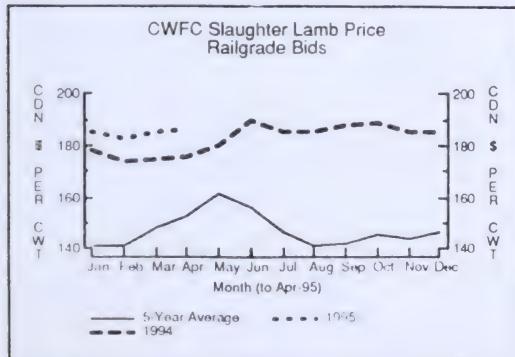
Lambs

Commentary

Alberta slaughter and feeder lamb prices were mostly steady in the late winter/early spring period with only modest increases of one to two dollars realized at Easter. As a result, old crop market lamb prices appear to have peaked during late February and early March unless a run on supplies like those experienced last summer begin.

At the Easter sheep and lamb sale in Edmonton, good slaughter lamb prices ranged from \$91.00 to \$104.00 per cwt and averaged \$98.00 per cwt. The sale previously saw market lamb prices range from \$95.00 to \$105.00 per cwt with an overall average of \$102.00 per cwt. Feeder lambs in the 60 to 80 pounds range sold for \$95.00 to \$133.00 per cwt.

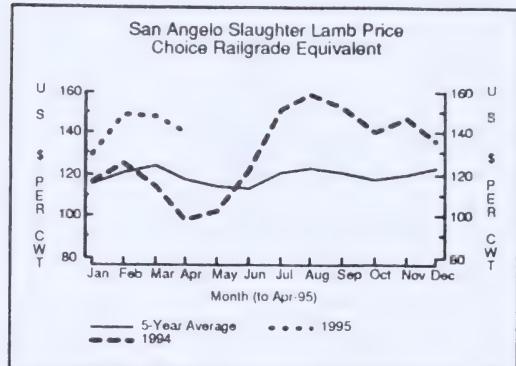
Slaughter lamb prices in April, at Canada West Foods, Innisfail, increased to \$194.00 per cwt (railgrade). New crop lambs are being traded near the \$200.00 per cwt (railgrade) with some discounting for old crop lambs. Canada West is continuing to offer a premium of two to three dollars for contracts which target certain fresh lamb markets. An additional charge of 66 cents per animal will be levied to producers for grading, as the federal government moves toward cost recovery in the future.



Note: Apr 95 price is estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

This spring, U.S. lamb prices continue to trend higher than last year and the five-year average. In Texas, feeder prices at recent auctions have declined to the \$154.00 (U.S.) per cwt (railgrade) level, a drop of eighteen dollars from February's height. Last April, slaughter lambs in the U.S. dropped to a low of \$101.00 (U.S.) per cwt, a level not witnessed since the first quarter of 1991. This March, lamb and mutton production fell 12 per cent from last year's level. A continuation of lower slaughter supplies this summer

should keep prices near the \$135.00 (U.S.) per cwt (railgrade) range.

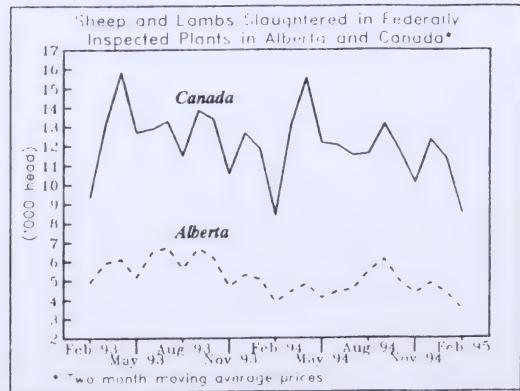


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Outlook

In 1995, lamb and mutton production in the U.S. is forecast at 285 million pounds, a record low. Despite Alberta's and Canada's January 1 sheep and lamb inventories rising seven and six per cent respectively, tight supplies are expected to shore up prices in the traditional post Easter - early summer slump.

In 1994, an estimated 133,200 Alberta lambs were available for slaughter, yet provincial and federal slaughter in the province recorded only 62,000 head of Alberta origin. This illustrates the significance of interprovincial movement of Alberta lamb eastward. For the months of January and February, New Zealand imports of lamb and mutton into Canada have increased 45 per cent from last year. Look for slaughter lamb to trade in the mid \$80.00's this summer, barring a sudden collapse in American prices.



Don Hansen
April 26, 1995
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COMING EVENTS

MAY 18

NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP & GOAT SALES. Edmonton Stockyards. All sales are held on Thursday and start at 1:30 P.M. Stock must arrive no later than 9:00 A.M. on day of sale. For more information or to book animals into the sale contact one of the following: Jack Francis (sheep), Edmonton, 403-436-5992 or Doug Laurie (sheep), Stony Plain, 403-963-6711; Dennis Patrick (goats), Tofield, 403-672-9308 or Dennis Pasichney (sheep), Redwater, 403-942-4537. Edmonton Stockyard Inc., 403-473-5776. Please book ahead if possible.

MAY 20

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE AT DAYSLAND AUCTION MARKET for sheep and goats only. Consignments accepted, between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on sale day. Sale begins at 1:00 P.M. sharp. For information and booking call Suljo Spahic at 403-878-3784.

MAY 27

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE at Camrose Auction Market, 403-672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact Camrose Auction at 403-672-4496.

MAY 27

"THE GATHERING" AT FORT NORMANDEAU. A day of shearing, spinning and fellowship in Red Deer at 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Spinning contests, demonstrations, vendor booths, prize booths. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Joanne, 403-347-6243, Annette, 403-347-7099 or Lynn, 403-347-1951.

JUNE 3, 4 & 5

STOCK DOG CLINIC. Instructor Ron Gale. Details to be announced later. Call Ron or Olwyn at 403-638-2836 for further information.

JUNE 17

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE AT DAYSLAND AUCTION MARKET for sheep and goats only. Consignments accepted, between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on sale day. Sale begins at 1:00 P.M. sharp. For information and booking call Suljo Spahic at 403-878-3784.

JUNE 22

16TH ANNUAL RANGE RAM & EWE LAMB SALE. 1 P.M. at Ft. Macleod Auction. Contact George at 403-553-3315 for further information.

JULY 8

21ST ANNUAL ALBERTA RAM TEST SALE. For further information contact Cathy Gallivan at 403-224-3962 or Mike Reiberger at 403-224-3743.

JULY 8

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION WILD ROSE SALE. Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta. 1:00 P.M. Full completed entry forms must be postmarked by Monday, May 1, 1995. For further information and catalogues - Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 2157, Claresholm, Alberta, T0L 0T0, Phone/Fax - 403-549-2465.

JULY 8

LLOYDMINSTER COLONIAL DAYS SHEEP SHOW - \$1,000 Market Lamb Jackpot Show sponsored by Heartland Livestock Services, Lloydminster. Grand Champion will receive \$500. Entry fee - \$20.00 if entered on or before June 30. Late entry fee - \$40.00. New for 1995 - Prospect Breeding Ewe Lamb Class sponsored by Home Hardware, Lloydminster and Fred & Marlene Brettell, Lloydminster - \$600.00 in prize money. Plus the Junior Shepherd Futurity Show and the Junior Shepherd Show. For more information and prize lists contact the Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, SK S9V 0Y7, phone 306-825-5571 or Fax 306-825-7017.

JULY 19

WESTERNER DAYS SHEEP SHOW, Red Deer. Prize lists may be obtained by calling 403-343-7800 or Fax 403-341-4699. The sheep show will be the first livestock show in the new Agricentre on the Westerner grounds. Entries for this show close Monday, June 19. An added feature this year is the fleece competition and the photography class for both adults and juniors, the subject of the picture being 'Kids and Sheep' in keeping with the theme for this year's Westerner Days "Salute to Youth in Agriculture".

JULY 22 & 23

GRASSLANDS SHEEP EXHIBITION - SHOW (SATURDAY) & SALE (SUNDAY). Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. Purebred rams & ewes (feature ROP Test Station stock), Commercial ewes - pens of 2, 5 & 10, 4-H/Junior, Wool and Carcass Competition. Demonstrations include shearing, stock dog, cooking lamb, wool grading and selecting breeding stock. Plus a trade show. Entries close June 23, 1995. For more information call Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders Association, Bonnie Tweedie, 306-493-2716, Delise, SK or Rural Service Centre, Extension Service, 306-642-7227, Assiniboia, SK, Fax 306-642-7229.

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NOVEMBER 24-26

1995 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM to be held at the Capri in Red Deer. More information to follow in future issues.

SEPTEMBER 23

PEACE COUNTRY SHEEP SALE at Mile 26 Alaska Highway. Selling registered breeding stock at 11:00 A.M.; 4-H lambs at 12:30 P.M., all types of commercial sheep, sheep guard dogs, sheep handling dogs and sheep equipment starting at 1:00 P.M. Also cottage industry displays selling wool products and crafts. For further information or consignment phone Nancy Peterson, 604-789-3135, Andy Bohn, 604-759-4973 or Bob Hicks, 604-843-7697.

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GREETINGS FROM UP HERE IN THE SOUTH PEACE REGION:

Jim Henderson attended the B.C. Sheep Federation meeting on the 1st of April in Kamloops. There were several issues covered that are important to all sheep producers in the province.

Regarding health issues: The sheep research station in Lethbridge has experienced a funding cut (how much or how soon implementation takes place is not available at this time).

The B.C. Sheep Federation Health Committee members are as follows: Dr. Henry Lange, Dave Thacker, Barry Wilson, Andy Bohne, John Buchanan. The farm flock certification programme was discussed along with the 1995 sheep protocol which is finished. These will be going on to review for preparation in 1996 (it's not that far away).

Packing plants for marketing our animals was talked about, and since the plant near Victoria has closed there is a real need for one to exist on Vancouver Island.

With regards to the Sheep Breeders Code of Practice: It will soon be released and it will follow the Canadian Sheep Federation Code. We look forward to reading the items enclosed.

We send warm regards and welcome back the B.C. Sheep Breeders Association. This will allow us a stronger voice to lobby for issues when we all stand together.

The Constitutional Committee consists of: Debbie Wyntink, Barry Wilson and

Dave Thacker. They are responsible for reviewing and to make recommendations where they are needed.

With regards to Membership: If all associations could please give complete and up to date lists it helps those within different areas to keep in touch. The B.C. Sheep Federation membership has grown over the past year and the ewe assessment has been well accepted. Any resolutions are to be voted on by their local association before going to the annual general meeting. This allows all with a general membership to participate with voting on issues and ideas.

Your Development Committee consists of: Debbie Wyntink, Dave Thacker, John Buchanan and Jim Henderson. The Programme Development Branch funds are available through the B.C. Sheep Federation on a \$1.00 for \$1.00 basis (if you contribute \$100.00 then they kick in \$100.00 towards a programme). Please contact a local board member if you have any questions or need assistance.

The Finance Development Branch has recognized the B.C. Sheep Federation and they will also match us \$ for \$.

During the Kamloops meeting there was great discussion regarding communication within the B.C. Sheep Federation. The Directors are to report to their associations as more input is needed from them and this is the responsibility of the Directors. The N 'EWES publication is to become more of a technical bulletin. The Publishing

Board consists of: Jan Tytle, Jim Henderson and Jill Bailey. Each provincial association is asked to recruit ads for the N'EWES. The costs are very reasonable, especially when you consider the distribution coverage. They are as follows:

\$100 (whole page) -- \$360 for 1 year plus tax

\$60 (half page) -- \$216 for 1 year plus tax

\$30 (quarter page) -- \$111 for 1 year plus tax

Please remind other interprovincial associations to pass on information to the relevant committees within the B.C. Sheep Federation as this can be of benefit to all.

Lastly during this past meeting April 1st some information was shared regarding a group of contractors who have been very active in starting the ground work for an association. Let's give them all the help we can.

Hope all are enjoying a good lamb crop with few losses. Some of us here in the South Peace are still waiting for a few stragglers and others are just heading into the 'thick of things'. May we all have a chance to catch up on some well deserved rest (not to mention all that laundry and housework that has so rapidly accumulated). Mother nature continues to tease us with some warm spring days before surprising us with 2-3" of fresh white snow and below freezing temperatures. May be if we all ordered our garden seeds and thought planting the majority would rule. We eagerly await spring and summer.

One breeder here has been experiencing a rather unusual lambing time. They have lambed out 20 ewes with 37 lambs on the ground. Of these 31 are ram lambs and only 6 ewe lambs. Those are sure lopsided odds! Anyone out there with a similar tale?

Don't forget to keep Saturday September 23rd on your calendar for the Dawson Creek Sheep Breeders sale (grade, registered, market and 4-H lambs) auction, food, friends, fun and financially worthwhile. Give Nancy Peterson a call for more information (604-789-3135) or write to the Dawson Creek Sheep Breeders c/o Nancy Peterson, Farmington, B.C.

Good luck lambing!

Jim Henderson, Chairman
B.C. Sheep Federation

Written by Victoria Manson

1995 ALBERTA SHEEP SYMPOSIUM TRADE FAIR

The 1995 Alberta Sheep Symposium will be held at the Capri Centre in Red Deer on the November 25 - 26 weekend. This years symposium will offer a trade fair for any businesses interested in selling products or services to western canadian sheep producers. Anyone interested in the trade fair, should contact me or Janet here in Edmonton at 427-5083 to reserve space. We should have a large group attending this years symposium.

Wray Whitmore

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Maybe some people consider these signs excellent souvenirs, or maybe they just make good firewood...whatever the reason, vandalism of AMA signs has become a significant and persistent problem. The result is obvious: visitors to rural areas can become lost or inconvenienced without these important signs.

AMA and the Government of Alberta urge you to use and enjoy the province's excellent rural road network, and ask travellers to leave the directional signs intact to point the way for others.

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Footnotes Steps Out

Long-time subscribers to Footnotes will remember names like Gleddie, Wells, and Taylor. They were the first editors of the parent publication of Footnotes - Sheep Notes and News. Vern Gleddie started publishing Sheep Notes and News in 1955. Eventually, it was combined with Sheep Footnotes in the mid-1980's. We started Footnotes in 1978. Sheep Notes and News was being printed every two months, but there was a need to get market information to producers on a more current basis. Footnotes was intended to fulfill that need. And it did.

Since then, much has changed. Market information is as close as the telephone, industry publications are published regularly and Alberta Agriculture has a new name, a new role and a new way of doing business. Research and technology transfer are our two main functions. Developing partnerships with industry, privatizing programs better run by industry, specializing services and charging fees for service are some of the new ways we are doing business.

The beginning of one thing frequently results in the ending of another. In order for us to become more involved in our new role of conducting applied research and technology transfer, we must end some of the things we are doing now. Publishing footnotes is one of them. The June 1995 edition will be our last. I believe Footnotes served the industry well in the past, but there are other publications like Sheep Canada and The Shepherd's Journal, published in Alberta, that can do a better job of running display ads, classified ads and coming events. We will be contributing articles and market summaries to industry magazines regularly.

On behalf of Wray, Kim, Cathy, Susan, and Janet, please accept our thunderous applause for your support and many kind comments over the years. And to all present and past editors of Footnotes and Sheep Notes and News - Thankyou.

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SOON. THERE WILL ALSO BE A
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ARE SUFFOLK X ROMANOV,
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QUANTITY BROUGHT. KATARINA
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10 BIG PUREBRED SUFFOLK EWE
LAMBS, BORN OCT & NOV '94 -
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LAMBS BORN OCT & NOV '94 -
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CHEVIOT CROSS EWE LAMBS -
\$110.00. GLEN KERSHAW,
DIDSBURY, 403-335-4983 (6)

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GOATS. JIM, ONOWAY, 403-
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"BEARDIE" DOG. COMPLETELY
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DO ALL YOUR WORK AND THEN
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PARENTS PROVEN & EXCELLENT
GUARDIAN DOGS - NO COYOTES
AROUND OUR SHEEP! FIRST SHOTS,
READY TO GO END OF APRIL. ALSO
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1/2 YR OLD MALE. \$250. PETER,
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PUREBRED BUT NOT PAPERED,
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NOT BEEN GRAZED FOR SEVERAL
YEARS. SYLVIA OR MICHAEL
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437-5889 (5)

WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS. RICHARD
SCHULTZ, HAY LAKES, 403-
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SUFFOLK/CHEVIOT EWE LAMBS OR
YEARLINGS WITHIN 100 MILE
RADIOUS OF EDMONTON. ADRIAN,
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998-7358 (5)

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TEES, 403-788-2426 (6)

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RAM LAMB. CLIFF, CONDOR, 403-
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THANK YOU

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MOUNTAIN HOUSE FOR HIS KIND
DONATION OF TWO QUALITY RAMS.



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ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION

SHEEP FEDERATION HOLDS FIRST EVER MEDIA EVENT

It was probably a first time experience for Ottawa media types, government bureaucrats, MP's and assorted assistants - that is a combination lamb tasting event and news conference! Over 40 people attended the event organized by the Canadian Sheep Federation in a meeting room in the House of Commons in Ottawa.

This event was held to highlight the concerns the Canadian Sheep Industry has with the Agriculture Canada decision to end sheep research in Canada. The Federation also took the opportunity to promote the sheep industry in a proactive manner. The positive environmental and diversification aspects of sheep production were particularly promoted. The Alberta Commission supplied the event with promotional mugs, pins etc... In addition the Commission static industry promotion exhibit was on display.

SHEEP INDUSTRY HEARD IN OTTAWA

For the first time in many years the House of Commons in Ottawa heard some positive statements about the Sheep Industry in Canada. Opposition members of parliament questioned the Governments decision to eliminate sheep research in Canada when it is one of the few commodities that has seen expansion over the past ten years. The governments decision would see the end of sheep research at both Lethbridge and La Pocatiere.

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INDUSTRY NEWS CONTINUED.....

In the past that has meant that third parties did the grading in meat plants across Canada. However as technology advances a grading system known as video imaging carcass analysis has been developed. This technique involves a video camera and related computers and software. Essentially the computer interprets the image of the carcass from various angles and colours and from its software assigns a carcass grade or classification. All human subjective factors are taken out of the exercise. It could be programmed to simultaneously assign different types of grades (ie. Canadian, American) and to advise under which grade a carcass could be most profitably marketed.

Another driving factor behind this new technology is the reality of Government cost recovery measures which is drastically increasing the costs of graders. This has resulted in meat plants investigating the use of new grading technology such as video imaging. A research project jointly sponsored by the Commission, the CSF and Alberta Agriculture has tested this technology recently at the Canada West Foods plant. This initial test was to see whether this equipment could be used in a lamb plant and to investigate computer data to carcass cutouts and yield.

The research is supervised by Kim Stanford of Alberta Agriculture. Her initial reaction was that this technology was indeed usable for lambs. It would however have to be further tested over an entire year as carcasses vary. Formulas would also have to be developed for the software to assign particular types of classification.

At present this technology seems to be the longterm answer to lamb classification at CWF. It would keep grading costs at a reasonable level, provide objective analysis to the producer and provide CWF with marketing information it never had before. The Commission has advised that steps be taken to lease or acquire this equipment to complete the research as soon as possible.

NATIONAL SHEEP RESEARCH A RESOLUTION IS IN SIGHT.....

After the cancellation shock had set in, it was time to see if some sort of resolution was possible. A meeting was organized by the Commission to which sheep industry stakeholders from across Western Canada were invited. The goal of the meeting was, that notwithstanding the cancellation decision, how could sheep research be continued at the Agriculture Canada Research Centre in Lethbridge. It was determined that indeed research could be continued under a new partnership agreement between the sheep industry, provincial governments and Agriculture Canada. The meeting decided to take a number of actions to resolve the situation and to come up with an agreement within the next twelve months.

CALGARY COOP SUPPORTS ALBERTA LAMB !!

The Chairman of the Board of the Calgary Cooperative Association Mr. Bruno Friesen has stated that Coop stores will continue to feature Alberta Lamb. In a letter to the Commission, he was responding to concerns about a negative lamb promotion carried out by Australian Lamb brokers at Coop Stores. He added that with Calgary Coop the retailing of local products was a priority. He did state that Coop has carried fresh offshore lamb on an occasional basis in response to competitors who carry the cheaper imported product on a regular basis. The Commission has offered to work directly with Calgary Coop in joint promotion and merchandising programs.

SHEEP INDUSTRY TASK FORCE NEWS

" TO BE A SUSTAINABLE AND COMMERCIALLY VIABLE INDUSTRY SERVING THE GROWING NEEDS OF ITS PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS "

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

The Task Force Production and Economics Committee recommended that two projects submitted for financial support be approved. The first projects was a study of the viability of Video Imaging technology for lamb carcass grading. This project is to determine whether this process will work on Alberta Lamb carcasses at Canada West Foods. This project is being jointly funded by with Alberta Agriculture and the Canadian Sheep Federation (*for further info on video imaging see article on previous page*). This research is to be carried out at CWF under the supervision of Kim Stanford of Alberta Agriculture.

The second project involved a study of using hulless barley in feeder lamb rations. This project is being carried out at the Ag. Canada Research Centre at Lethbridge under the supervision of Kim Stanford.

Previously approved projects were the Gardner Ranch Range Rehabilitation project and the Whitecourt Forestry Sheep Grazing project. These projects were continued from the previous year.

APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE CLARIFIED!!!!

It was a learning experience, as was predicted by Task Force Research & Policy Committee Chairman Gordon Fulton. Earlier this year a new format application was published for use by anyone wanting support for sheep industry related

promotion or research projects. However the intent of the support was not made clear enough and a number of proposals were received that were of a commercial or personal nature. So its back to the drawing board. New applications will spell out that proposals will have to have a sheep industry benefit and be within certain funding limits. Proposals will also require a budget and need input from a zone director before being submitted.

UNIVERSITY TO JOIN TASK FORCE

Another interested party will be joining the Alberta Sheep Industry Task Force. At a recent meeting between Commission Directors and the University of Alberta Faculty of Agriculture their participation was discussed. Faculty chairman Keith Briggs indicated that the University would accept an invitation to participate. The meeting was held to review past University involvement with the sheep industry and possible future cooperation. It was felt that such areas as marketing, range rehabilitation, and meat research were of interest to the University. It was noted that the University has had sheep related research projects in the past and will continue them as the need arises. The University for many years maintained a sheep flock for both teaching and research purposes. The flock was disposed of in recent years due to financial constraints.

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June 1, 1995

SHEEP FOOTNOTES FAREWELL

This is the last issue of sheep footnotes that you will receive. The magazine will no longer be published due to changing roles for the government. There are a couple of excellent alternative sheep publications available to you.

I think that sheep footnotes has provided a valuable service to you and our industry. We have had access to current and accurate market information. Any sheep function has been advertised in the "coming events". The classified ads have allowed you to buy and sell animals and products or services. I hope some of the articles in the magazine have helped you with your sheep production.

Most of the credit for sheep footnotes must go to Janet Smalley. She is the one who took all of the messages from you over the phone or lately the fax, during the last 7 years. She was the one who always answered the phone in a cheery mood and listened patiently as you composed your ad over the phone. She routinely reminded me and other government staff of the approaching deadline for the next issue of footnotes. Her efforts gave you a first class, useful publication.

The sheep industry is in good shape at the moment. We are being paid very well for our lambs right now. Wool prices are up. The future continues to look good. I think it is better that footnotes be discontinued when the industry is in good shape rather than when it is depressed. I am confident that people in the industry will take over where footnotes left off. It is up to all of us to promote our industry, and help it grow. When we work together, what we can accomplish has no limits.

Good luck with your sheep.

Wray Whitmore

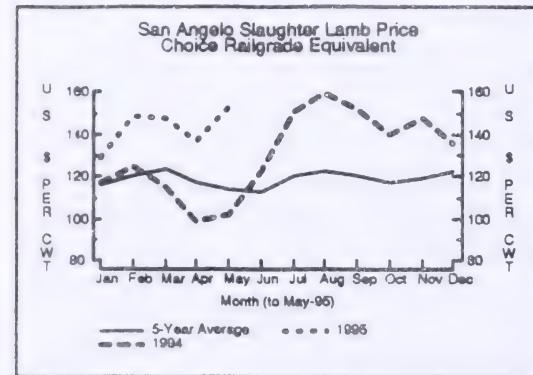
Lambs

Commentary

Short supplies of lamb in Canada and the United States have prompted the lamb industry to be the bright spot of the meat complex. In the U.S., record large supplies of meat and subsequently lower relative prices have not affected the lamb industry. As such, there is speculation that lamb has become a specialty good with a more inelastic demand curve than other meats.

In the first four months of this year, U.S. production of lamb and mutton has fallen six per cent from last year's level. Forecasts for 1996, indicate that production could decline by as much as eight per cent.

Reports of packers scrambling for lambs and continued increases in the carcass and cutout prices, have boosted slaughter lamb prices above pre-Easter

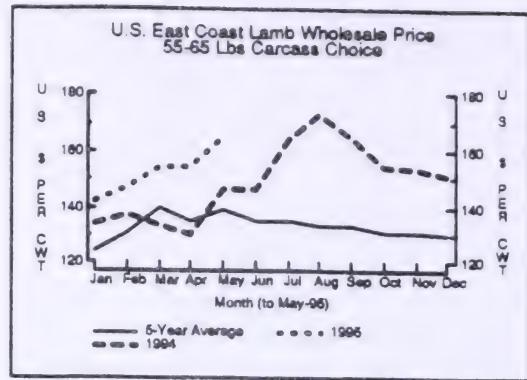


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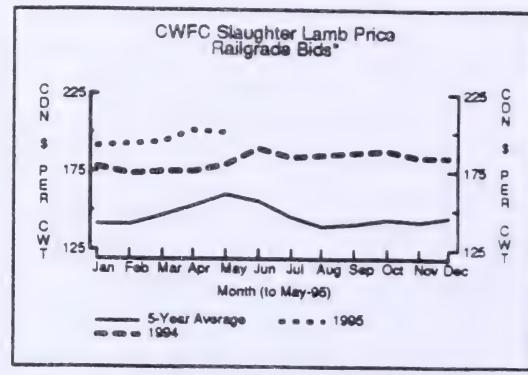
levels. U.S. lamb prices this spring continued to trend significantly better than last year and the average of the previous five years. In Texas, May slaughter lamb prices have been averaging about \$159.00 U.S. per cwt railgrade, in comparison to \$107.00 U.S. per cwt last year and the previous five year average of \$117.00 U.S. per cwt. The spread between feeder and slaughter lamb prices narrowed during April and May to within five dollars, compared to 10 dollars a year ago.

On the U.S. East Coast, the wholesale carcass lamb price for 55 to 65 lb.(choice) rose significantly in the first part of May to \$165.00 per cwt compared to \$154.00 per cwt for the month of April.

Edmonton's mid-month sale saw slaughter lambs trade between \$92.00 and \$112.00 per cwt, with the average at \$108.00 per cwt. Interestingly, this surpassed the Easter sale, where slaughter lamb prices averaged \$97.00 per cwt.



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*1996 are estimates which incorporate contract prices
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

For feeder lambs (61 to 80 lb.), the average price rose to \$116.00 per cwt, compared to \$105.00 per cwt in the previous sale. Canada West Foods Corp. railgrade bids at Innisfail in late May are averaging \$200.00 per cwt.

Outlook

Alberta's outlook for summer lambs appears very favourable. The downsizing of the U.S. flock should keep supplies tight and support lamb prices, particularly if the speculation that lamb is a specialty product holds true.

There continues to be some uncertainty with respect to the optimum weight of market lambs. It is important that producers be cognizant of their product(s) for

sale, as premiums can be realized by producing different weight classes of lambs for various fresh lamb markets. It is also important for producers to keep in contact with the appropriate order buyers, feedlot operators or packers etc. in order to take advantage of market opportunities. After all, it has been several years since slaughter lamb traded near \$105.00 per cwt. Past seasonal marketing trends suggest a much weaker lamb market than that which currently exists. Going into summer, look for slaughter lamb trade in the \$85.00 to \$95.00 per cwt range, as retail demand weakens.

Don Hansen
May 25, 1995
(403) 427-4011

"CHAMPION" Market Lamb at June 4 Calgary 4-H Sale..... Sells for \$468.00 - "RESERVE CHAMPION" Brings \$402.50.

When young Kai Anderson, second year member of the Irricana 4-H sheep Club walked out of the "show ring" and into the "sale ring", his 117 pound Grand Champion Suffolk market lamb brought him \$4.00 a pound. Carmen Wright, also with Irricana Club, had the Reserve Grand Champion. This 115 lb. wether went through the ring for \$3.50 pound. According to one club leader, 4-H lambs usually bring top prices for these young exhibitors, but \$4.00 a pound may be the best price ever paid at the Calgary sale.

Two members of the Foothills 4-H Sheep Club won the Carcass Competition. Danyelle Adkins had the 47 lb Grand Champion Carcass which brought her \$8.00 pound (\$376.00) and Jennifer Malin the 51 lb. Reserve Carcass, who went away with a cheque for \$331.50 (\$6.50 lb.). The remaining 67 lambs sold in the \$1.35 to \$2.25 range (liveweight).

The market price at Canada West on the day following the sale was around the \$1.00 mark, so buyers were prepared to be more generous when it came to 4-H show stock.

FINALLY, the "LIP SYNC" entertainment was a "HOOT"...and the whole "4-H On Parade" package was a "Red Ribbon" presentation....**JUST the BEST.**

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 17

MONTHLY SHEEP & GOAT SALE AT DAYSLAND AUCTION MARKET for sheep and goats only. Consignments accepted, between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on sale day. Sale begins at 1:00 P.M. sharp. For information and booking call Suljo Spahic at 403-878-3784.

JUNE 22

16TH ANNUAL RANGE RAM & EWE LAMB SALE. 1 P.M. at Ft. Macleod Auction. Contact George at 403-553-3315 for further information.

JULY 6

SHEEP MEN MEET SCIENTIST BBQ. 7:00 P.M. Lethbridge Research Station Picnic Grounds. Top sheep researchers will be in attendance so producers can: query??; congratulate; or discuss concepts. For more information contact Pat DeBoer at 403-757-2419.

JULY 8

21ST ANNUAL ALBERTA RAM TEST SALE. For further information contact Cathy Gallivan at 403-224-3962 or Mike Reiberger at 403-224-3743.

JULY 8

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION WILD ROSE SALE. Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta. 1:00 P.M. Full completed entry forms must be postmarked by Monday, May 1, 1995. For

further information and catalogues - Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 2157, Claresholm, Alberta, T0L 0T0, Phone/Fax - 403-549-2465.

JULY 8

LLOYDMINSTER COLONIAL DAYS SHEEP SHOW - \$1,000 Market Lamb Jackpot Show sponsored by Heartland Livestock Services, Lloydminster. Grand Champion will receive \$500. Entry fee - \$20.00 if entered on or before June 30. Late entry fee - \$40.00. New for 1995 - Prospect Breeding Ewe Lamb Class sponsored by Home Hardware, Lloydminster and Fred & Marlene Brettell, Lloydminster - \$600.00 in prize money. Plus the Junior Shepherd Futurity Show and the Junior Shepherd Show. For more information and prize lists contact the Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, SK S9V 0Y7, phone 306-825-5571 or Fax 306-825-7017.

JULY 19

WESTERNER DAYS SHEEP SHOW, Red Deer. Prize lists may be obtained by calling 403-343-7800 or Fax 403-341-4699. The sheep show will be the first livestock show in the new Agricentre on the Westerner grounds. Entries for this show close Monday, June 19. An added feature this year is the fleece competition and the photography class for both adults and juniors, the subject of the picture being 'Kids and Sheep' in keeping with the theme for this year's Westerner Days "Salute to Youth in Agriculture".

JULY 22 & 23

GRASSLANDS SHEEP EXHIBITION - SHOW (SATURDAY) & SALE (SUNDAY). Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. Purebred rams & ewes (feature ROP Test Station stock), Commercial ewes - pens of 2, 5 & 10, 4-H/Junior, Wool and Carcass Competition. Demonstrations include shearing, stock dog, cooking lamb, wool grading and selecting breeding stock. Plus a trade show. Entries close June 23, 1995. For more information call Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders Association, Bonnie Tweedie, 306-493-2716, Delise, SK or Rural Service Centre, Extension Service, 306-642-7227, Assiniboia, SK, Fax 306-642-7229.

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SEPTEMBER 23

PEACE COUNTRY SHEEP SALE at Mile 26 Alaska Highway. Selling registered breeding stock at 11:00 A.M.; 4-H lambs at 12:30 P.M., all types of commercial sheep, sheep guard dogs, sheep handling dogs and sheep equipment starting at 1:00 P.M. Also cottage industry displays selling wool products and crafts. For further information or consignment phone Nancy Peterson, 604-789-3135, Andy Bohn, 604-759-4973 or Bob Hicks, 604-843-7697.

NOVEMBER 4

PUREBRED SHEEP SALE. Farmfair International '95'. North Central Sheep Breeders' Association and Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association intend to offer a Purebred Sheep Sale at Fairfair '95'. The sale will be held in the Northland Agricom starting at 2:00 P.M. Further information on this proposed sale can be obtained from Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 2157, Claresholm, T0L 0T0, Phone/Fax/Ans. 403-549-2465. For a 1995 Farmfair Catalogue and information on the other sheep happenings and competitions, contact Northlands Park, Edmonton, Phone 403-471-7260 or Fax 403-471-8176.

NOVEMBER 4-12

FARMSHOW INTERNATIONAL '95'. Sheep Events - November 4. Junior Sheep Show with a number of different classes. Wool Competition & Display with 5 classes. Purebred Sheep Sale - top breeding stock available. Professional Sheep Shearing Competition, World Quality Shearers Performing. Now is the time to start planning for your exhibits and entries for further information contact - Agriculture Department, Northlands Park, Box 1480, Edmonton T5J 2N5. Phone 403-471-7260, fax 403-471-8176.

NOVEMBER 24-26

1995 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM to be held at the Capri in Red Deer. More information to follow in future issues.

The Faces of “Footnotes”

Past and Present



Janet Smalley



Susan Hosford



Cathy Gallivan



Shelagh Chambers



Don Scheer



Ross Gould



Dr. Ray Fenton



Wray Whitmore

Others (pictures not available)

Kim Stanford, Vern Gleddie, Gordon Wells, John Taylor, John Knapp, Dr. Casey Schipper, A.M. (Tig) Shafto, L.A. McClelland, Karen Green, the former sheep technicians, Market Analysis and Statistics Branch Staff, and all the others . . .

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REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS 1995

During the past year the wool market continued to improve and at the present time it appears to have stabilized with no major price spikes upward or downward in the immediate forecast. Less available global supplies for both wool and mohair will in all likelihood keep pressure on market prices in the months ahead. Competing fibers have also risen substantially in recent months which means wools competitive position as a textile fiber has not been adversely affected. Higher energy and raw material prices has directly affected rising values for man made fibers and cotton prices are also at an all time high due to unprecedeted demand and crop failure in some of the major cotton producing countries.

There is considerable mention in the wool trade about the difficulties of passing on higher wool fabric prices, however mill production reports generally indicate that orders continue to be well booked ahead for wool merchandise. None the less there is still concern that higher prices could eventually result in a down turn in total textile activity. A number of factors will have significant influence on the future direction of the wool market place. The current supply and demand imbalance which now tilts in favour of wool producers will eventually change as global wool production reverses its present decline in reaction to higher wool prices. Weather conditions in major wool producing countries such as the drought in Australia will also play an important role in sheep numbers and in global wool production.

Continued economical growth in major wool consuming countries will also be a necessity to improving current demand for wool. As always China very much influences the direction of the wool market due to the enormous quantities of wool that are absorbed in this market. In fact, it is forecast that by the year 2000 domestic sales in China will account for nearly 25% of the global market for wool garments.

In terms of promotion, the wool industry must continue to be aggressively committed to the research and development of new products and technology relative to wool in order to realize future growth. At the wool grower level it is essential that producers strive to produce a top quality and well prepared wool clip, so that your product can be presented to the market place for maximum value. With wool values increasing you can be assured that this

is an opportune time to implement basic quality control standards such as clip preparation, skirting of fleeces, elimination of contamination and other management practices that will make your wool clip more valuable. We urge all wool producers to give careful attention to your wool while it is on the farm as this will go a long way toward improving overall financial returns for wool.

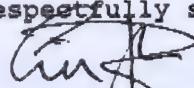
In 1994 wool volume handled by CCWG was up 25% from the previous year and the clip has all been marketed to a large selection of international and domestic wool buyers. Our three branches located at Carleton Place, Lethbridge, and Cookstown as well as the numerous satellite wool collection depots across the country that we have developed gives us widespread representation to Canadian sheep producers. Our objective in collecting, transporting, grading and marketing the Canadian wool clip is to do it in the most cost effective and convenient manner possible for sheep producers. We will continue our efforts in this regard so that maximum financial returns for wool are obtained.

The retail division of CCWG have all recorded profitable financial statements at year end which is a credit to the organization and to the staff of CCWG. Our diversified structure of wool marketing and retail has enabled the company to have the resources to offer essential services and develop very competitive and aggressive wool purchasing policies. We also continue to search out new markets for Canadian wool which is essential in todays highly competitive market place.

We are very fortunate to have excellent staff in all divisions of CCWG and we congratulate them for the very favourable results they have been able to achieve during the past year.

The outlook for the sheep industry in 1995 is very positive and optimistic and we look forward to being a part of this expanding and dynamic industry .

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Bjergen
General Manager

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throughout Alberta.**

The plan invites a group from each of the 7 ASWC Zones to put together a team of 10 producers and 10 lambs to visit CWF plant in Innisfail on one of four selected dates. Arrangements have been made at the CWF plant for these instruction and competition sessions to take place on the last Monday of the months of June, July, August and September.

Each team will be instructed in a "Hands-on" session, and follow their lambs through the plant to the final grading process. Two zones can combine for these sessions, but there must be a minimum of 10 lambs and 10 producers involved each session.

Canada West Foods will award their medallions to the top 3 carcasses at each session, which will be presented at a no-host luncheon.

The producer of the SUPREME CHAMPION CARCASS will be announced at the 1995 Sheep Symposium in November.

For details and more information contact:

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Box 13, Site 10, R.R. # 4.
Stony Plain, Alberta. T7Z 1X4
Phone 1-(403) 963-6711 or

the Sheep Producer group in your region, or

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for the years of providing an excellent publication.

A JOB WELL DONE!

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Northwest Sheep Producers Association wishes to advise sheep producers in the NW region that they intend to provide a quarterly newsletter to all those on their membership list. The purpose is to keep producers informed of events and other information of interest to producers, now that Sheep Footnotes is no longer being circulated.

There is NO CHARGE for membership, but you must request to be placed on the list by contacting the NWSPA Secretary, Doug Laurie at (403) 963-6711 or the President, Lillian Chileen at 403-961-2450.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Alberta Agriculture for providing Sheep Footnotes to producers for nearly 40 years. We are definitely going to miss the information and regular contact it provided to the sheep industry. We can only hope that a replacement publication will soon become available.

Special thanks to Wray, Kim, Cathy, Susan and Janet, and all the rest who worked on "Footnotes" over the years. Your efforts are appreciated.

Lillian Chileen, President
NW Sheep Producers Assoc.

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1 YEAR OLD PUREBRED ROMANOV RAM. \$150. BOYD, WETASKIWIN, 403-352-6743 (7)

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SEVERAL KATHADIN REGISTERED PUREBRED RAMS. 2 ROMANOV PUREBRED REGISTERED RAMS. 9 ROMANOV REGISTERED EWES & EWE LAMBS. 10 COMMERCIAL EWES. TIM OR JEAN, CROSSFIELD, 403-946-4432 (7)

COLOURED RAM LAMBS. VERY BLACK. YEARLING RAMBOUILLET RAMS. MIKE OR LINDA, MISTY RIDGE RAMBOUILLET, BOWDEN, 403-224-3743 (7)

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BA BA BLACK SHEEP - HAVE YOU ANY LAMBS? YES, WE HAVE EWE & RAM LAMBS, ALSO 1 YEARLING RAM. DORSET, ROMNEY & 'DORNEY'S 'WHITE CREEK COLORED SHEEP'. REGISTERED DORSET RAM LAMBS. DEC & JAN BORN. QUALITY RAM LAMBS FROM PROVEN BLUE TAG Sires. REMEMBER YOUR RAM IS 1/2 OF THE LAMB'S YOU MARKET. GERI OR GORDON, BOWDEN, 403-224-3753 OR FAX 403-224-2729 (7)

FOR SALE - GOATS

1 YEARLING BILLY GOAT, 1 ALPINE NANNY, 1 SAANEN NANNY, 2 SAANEN KIDS, 1 ALPINE KID, 3 SAANEN X ALPINE KIDS. MICHELLE OR KAY, MAGRATH, 403-758-3824 (6)

REGISTERED PUREBRED NUBIAN BUCK. 17 MONTHS OLD. JAN, DONALDA, 403-883-2110 (6)

FEMALE ADULT GOATS FOR SALE IN JUNE & JULY. LAURIE, BLUE RIDGE, 403-648-2244 (AFTER 9 PM) (6)

SPANISH MEAT & BRUSH GOATS. LINDA, IRVINE, 403-834-2085 (6)

2 - 1995 BUCKS. PUREBRED ALPINE SIRED BY '93 ROP ALPINE BUCK. SPOTTED NUBIAN BUCK. \$150 EACH. CATHY, VULCAN, 403-485-5182 (7)

1 HEALTHY 3 YR OLD SAANEN DOE, HEAVY MILKER, TATOED & PAPERED. 1 HEALTHY YOUNG SANNEN BUCK BORN APR '94, TATOED & PAPERED. ERIKA, HOME, CARSTAIRS, 403-337-2496 OR WORK, OLDS, 403-556-2299 (7)

2 REGISTERED NUBIAN BUCKS. TIM OR JEAN, CROSSFIELD, 403-946-4432 (7)

5 MONTH OLD PYGMY BILLY, JUDY, WILDWOOD, 403-325-2543 (7)

AFRICAN PYGMY GOATS. MALES & FEMALES. WIDE VARIETY OF COLORS. VIVIAN, BRUDERHEIM, 403-796-3556 (7)

FOR SALE - DOGS

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BORDER COLLIE PUPS FROM WORKING PARENTS. WHELDED ON JAN 26. EDWIN & LILLEEN, PICKARDVILLE, 403-961-2450 (6)

REGISTERED BORDER Collie PUPS. NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION LINES. \$250.00. MICHELLE OR KAY, MAGRATH, 403-758-3824 (6)

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KOMMNDOR GUARD DOG. 2 1/2 YR OLD MALE. \$250. PETER, CAYLEY, 403-395-2221 (6)

GREAT PYRENEES PUPPIES. PUREBRED BUT NOT PAPERED, FROM WORKING PARENTS. FIRST SHOTS ARE INCLUDED. \$200 EACH. ALLEN WOZNITZ, PINCHER CREEK, 403-627-5154 (6)

BORDER COLLIES. SOME OF THE BEST BREEDING IN THE WORLD COUPLED WITH MOST REASONABLE PRICES & GREAT GUARANTEES. GIVES OUR PUPS STARTED & WORKING DOGS THE BEST DEALS IN THE COUNTRY. RON OR OLWYN, SUNDRE, 403-638-2836 (6)

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8 AKBASH PUPPIES. 6 WEEKS OLD. GOOD LIVESTOCK PROTECTION PUPPIES. AL OR TINA, ARROWOOD, 403-534-2113 (7)

ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD GUARD DOGS. KERRY, MARWAYNE, 403-847-2135 (7)

FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

SHEEP EQUIPMENT - 5 RAM HARNESSSES. MICHELLE OR KAY, MAGRATH, 403-758-3824 (6)

FREE GRAZING FOR SHEEP, QUARTER SECTION WEST OF COCHRANE. NATIVE GRASS. HAS NOT BEEN GRAZED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SYLVIA OR MICHAEL SIMPSON, 403-932-2150 (6)

1 ASHFORD SPINNING WHEEL & 3 BOBBINS USED VERY LITTLE. \$150. FIRM. AT THE FARM. OLIVE DAVIS, FAIRVIEW, 403-494-2400 . (6)

GOAT MILKING MACHINE. MILKS 2 GOATS AT ONCE. 2 SURGE STAINLESS STEEL PAILS, ALL LINES, MOTOR, PUMP, CUPS & EXTRAS. \$500 FIRM. FIRST DEPOSIT GETS. LAURIE, BLUE RIDGE, 403-648-2244 (AFTER 9 PM) (DELIVERY TO EDMONTON) (6)

GUARDIAN DOGS ARE BRED WITH THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF INSTINCT TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK. OUR DOGS GO WITH THE BEST GUARANTEES AROUND. RON OR OLWYN, SUNDRE, 403-638-2836 (6)

COYOTES GOT YOUR SHEEP DOWN? KICK THE HABIT WITH HALS 1/2 AKER MINIATURE GUARD DONKEYS. MONICA, WINFIELD, 403-682-3742 (7)

9 MONTH OLD JENNY. HALTER BROKEN. JOSIE, ONOWAY, 403-967-5502 (7)

STOMP COYOTE PROBLEMS WITH A GUARD DONKEY. 3 GELDINGS PASTURED WITH OUR SHEEP & GOATS. 3 YEARLING GELDINGS. 1 YEARLING JENNY. 1-3 YEAR JENNY TO FOAL IN JUNE '95. VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME. ELSIE MACKAY, MANNVILLE, 403-763-3749 (7)

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SHEARER AVAILABLE

SHEARER AVAILABLE - EDMONTON AREA. PHILIP SPENCE, 403-437-5889 (6)

WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS. RICHARD SCHULTZ, HAY LAKES, 403-878-3241 (6)

25 SUFFOLK EWE LAMBS. TYLER, TEES, 403-788-2426 (6)

REGISTERED ROMANOV RAM OR RAM LAMB. CLIFF, CONDOR, 403-729-2650 (EVENINGS) (6)

A YEARLING DORSET RAM. AARON, PONOKA, 403-783-8477 (7)

DORSET OR DORSET CROSS RAM OR RAM LAMB FOR FALL BREEDING. ADRIAN, FT. SASKATCHEWAN, 403-998-7358 (7)

FLOCK OF YOUNG SUFFOLK OR SUFFOLK CROSS EWES. LINDA, HAY LAKES, 403-878-3784 (7)

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WANTED - GOATS

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MEAT RABBITS. CLOSE TO WILDWOOD AREA. JUDY, WILDWOOD, 403-325-2543 (7)

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CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOLGROWERS INITIAL PRICES FOR WOOL ARE: 70-80¢ FOR 12 MONTH DOMESTIC FLEECE, 90-100¢ FOR 12 MONTH RANGE FLEECE, 30-40¢ FOR MEDIUM LKS AND PCS, 50-60¢ FOR FINE LKS AND PCS AND 100¢ FOR MOHAIR. THESE ARE INITIAL PRICES AND ARE DELIVERED EITHER TO LETHBRIDGE OR STONY PLAIN. LAMB, SHEEP AND GOAT SUPPLIES. QUANTITY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE. ANNUAL WOOL/MOHAI COLLECTION IN THE CALGARY AREA AT STRATHMORE STOCKYARDS ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1995 FROM 9:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M. THE WOOLGROWERS NOW HAVE A COLLECTION DEPOT YEAR ROUND IN PONOKA AT V-S AGRI SUPPLIES LTD., 6613 - 46 AVENUE, PONOKA, T4J 1J8, PHONE 403-783-6020 OR FAX 403-783-3999. CALL 1-800-567-3693. ASK FOR OUR FREE CATALOGUE. (6)

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SHARPENING SERVICES FOR SHEEP COMBS AND CUTTERS. HUGH, SYLVAN LAKE, 403-887-3874 (7)

THANK YOU

THANKS TO THE NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION FOR HOLDING THE 'WAKE' FOR FOOTNOTES AND FOR THE SCULPTURE. IT IS FANTASTIC WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR DOING WORK YOU LOVE. I WILL MISS WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO DOUG, LILLIAN, SHIRLEY & JACK.

JANET SMALLEY



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ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION

ALBERTA/MONTANA SHEEP INDUSTRIES TO MEET

For the first time ever a joint meeting will be held between stakeholders in the Alberta and Montana Sheep Industries. The meeting scheduled for the end of June in Shelby Montana is being organized by the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission and its counterpart the Montana Wool Growers Association. The purpose of the meeting is to explore new ways and means to increase sheep related trade between the two areas. New opportunities may well exist as the Free Trade agreement reduces barriers. In addition Alberta has underutilized feeding, grazing and processing capacity and Montana has almost as many sheep as all of Canada.

The meeting will include participants from producer organizations, Government agencies, processors, marketers and exporters from both sides of the border.

NEWSLETTER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE

With the publishing of Footnotes ending, a decision on the future of this Newsletter has to be made. For many years it has been distributed as part of Footnotes. Two publishing and distribution proposals have so far been received. Additional proposals will be accepted. A decision will be made at the next Commission Board meeting.

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MARKETS! MARKETS! MARKETS!

BY : WILL VERBOVEN

MARKET JUMPS AGAIN !!

It would seem that just to prove my last prediction wrong, the lamb market went up again! Okay, I don't mind eating crow on a rising market, but I still believe it's a last gasp for higher prices. It doesn't look like prices will crash into a bottomless pit either, at least not until after August.

It seemed that markets, especially in the USA, had a delayed reaction to the usual Easter rally. Instead it was a Mothers Day rally that saw the market peak. Alberta lamb prices reacted by keeping in step with American markets. However, it's all cold comfort when you don't have lambs for sale at these prices. It is hard to believe but a 150 pound lamb sold into the right USA market could have brought a return of \$165.00 this past month.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE SUMMER ?

Everyone expects a market downturn over the summer - it's the usual cycle - by how much is the question. Apparently some American packers are getting real concerned over supply as contracts are being offered for August delivery. To this date about 25,000 lambs have been contracted for August delivery in the 115 to 125 pound range. The price quoted has been 80 cents US - that's over a dollar in Canadian money! Of course it all depends on how many lambs are contracted at that price and the overall supply. It is indicative of what buyers are guessing the market will be at that time. Will it hold, I hope so, at least my prediction of one hundred dollar lambs till July will hold!

WOOL PRICES HOLD STEADY

The last two months has seen most Montana and Wyoming wool pools sold.

Depending on quality and reputation, prices across the line have been as high as \$1.80 a pound for the best fine range clips. Lesser quality range has been in the \$1.30 to \$1.50 area. The Nanton Wool Pool sold for a high of \$1.30 and unless the Wool Growers has some hefty final prices that could well be the market high for the year. Montana Wool buyers feel that these prices will hold for another year, especially in light of declining volumes of domestic wool in the Western US.

MARKET LINES

THE 24 HOUR MARKET
LINE IS UPDATED
WEEKLY TO GIVE YOU
CURRENT INFORMATION
ON LAMB AND WOOL
PRICES IN ALBERTA AND
THE USA

JUST CALL

1 - 403 - 735 - 5113

**AMERICAN LAMB AND
WOOL MARKET LINE**

1 - 303 - 771 - 8503

NEW USA IMPORT RULES

AG. CANADA HAS SITUATION WELL IN HAND

The frustration the Canadian Sheep Industry faced with new USA import regulations was somewhat relieved over the past few weeks. It took awhile to find out but Ag. Canada released information on the issue and what steps are being taken to deal with the situation. They have lodged a formal protest with the USDA questioning the science and rationale of the decision. It is the intent of Ag. Canada officials to review the matter at a Free Trade committee meeting at the end of June.

Both the Commission and the Canadian Sheep Federation have expressed deep concern with this issue to Ag. Canada. The new USDA regulations would disrupt a traditional trade and possible eliminate a market for Alberta feeder lambs. The Sheep Industry has encouraged Federal officials to keep the Sheep Industry informed in a more consultative manner.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REVIEWS IMPORT/EXPORT SITUATION

A meeting of stakeholders in sheep import/exports was held recently in Red Deer. The meeting, which was organized and chaired by the Commission was held to review recent decisions by both Ag. Canada and the USDA that affects trade between the two countries. Participants included Alberta Agriculture, Ag. Canada, Lamb Feeders Association, Eurosheel Ltd., Alberta Sheep Breeders Association, Roy Leitch Livestock Ltd., and the Commission. Alberta has traditionally had the largest trade into and from the USA either directly or indirectly through other provinces. Topics reviewed were increased Ag. Canada permit/inspection fees and also new USDA restrictions on Canadian imports.

The concensus of the group was that any new Ag. Canada fees or increases be in line with similar USDA fees. It was also suggested that inspection procedures be practical and realistic. This point was of concern as the facilities at the Coutts Border entry point are not adequate for large importations. The group also expressed support for the Ag. Canada initiative in challenging the recent USDA permit requirements.

FORESTRY GRAZING CONTRACTS CUT

In a way it didn't come as a surprise but it was still a shock when the dust settled. BC forestry sheep grazing contracts went from 35 in 1994 to only 19 this year. The effect on Alberta sheep producers will be that there will be a surplus of project sheep available and probable lower sheep rent. For those that expanded their flocks and came to rely on BC as an outlet for summer grazing this new situation may come as a rude awakening - especially if you need to look for a home for your sheep this summer. This situation may well cause a renewed interest in community pastures and Foothills Grazing projects.

Contractor sources have said that producers should not panic as the downturn is temporary. Apparently its all the result of new Forest Practices regulations and Environmental impact assessments in BC. This has resulted in new piles of paperwork to be processed by BC Foresters and sheep grazing contracts got short shift on the priorities list.

SHEEP INDUSTRY TASK FORCE NEWS

" TO BE A SUSTAINABLE AND COMMERCIALLY VIABLE INDUSTRY SERVING THE GROWING NEEDS OF ITS PARTNERS AND CUSTOMERS "

4H CLUBS RECEIVE GRANTS

Supporting young sheep producers has always been a priority with the Commission. There is a long standing policy which offers an annual grant of \$50 dollars to any 4H Sheep Club. Multi Clubs with a sheep component are also eligible. The past 18 months has seen grants go to the following 4H Sheep and Multi clubs:

**PRESTON
DINOSAUR
ROSEBUD
MILLET
CLIVE
STANDARD**

**CROWFOOT
MAGRATH
PINCHER CREEK
IRRICANA
COAL LAKE
FOOTHILLS**

4H achievement days are also provided with financial support upon application. Sheep clubs and their leaders are encouraged to contact the Commission for more grant information.

SHEEP & LAMB PROMOTION EVENTS SUPPORTED

As part of its promotion mandate the Commission provides financial, equipment and logistical support to a number of sheep and lamb events. These events include local trade show promotions and Fairs in smaller centres such as Stettler, Irricana and Lloydminster. It also includes lamb cooking demos at the Calgary Stampede and supporting the Provincial Wool Show at Edmonton Farmfair.

The Commission has lamb cooking demos booths and equipment available upon request. A sheep industry static display is also available for larger events.

SHEEP PART OF CAP PROGRAM

The Commission has been a longtime participant in the Classroom Agriculture Program. Along with a number of other agricultural commodity organizations this is a joint effort to promote agriculture awareness to grade four students across Alberta. The sheep Industry has a page in the CAP information booklet to provide a few insights into sheep production in Alberta. Volunteer instructors are also provided with additional information. Interestingly one of the most useful and sought after instructional aids has been a piece of raw wool. Small samples are provided to students along with instructions as to its use. Ways and means are being considered to expand the availability of wool samples to all students. The CAP program involves over 40,000 students on an annual basis in Alberta.

LAMB TASTING DEMO AT NATIONAL EVENT

This coming July will see the National Convention of the Canadian Home Economics Association being held in Edmonton and the Commission Canadian Lamb Taste Test Booth will be there! Home economists have always been a target audience for Commission lamb promotions. These professionals teach in schools, work in government and for various food companies and grocery chain stores. They are in a position to influence students and those in purchasing positions to consider lamb as a food alternative. The Commission has been a regular participant in conventions of the two Alberta Home Economists Associations. This will be the first time at the National Convention.

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by Grant MacEwen

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